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The Local News of the Past Week

Short Items Relating the History of Alberta's Newest and Best Town Since Last Issue---Distinguished Visitors

A celebration is being held at Daysland today.

Elmer Jackson leaves shortly on a trip to Minnesota.

The Union Sunday School of the Methodist Church will hold a picnic at Dingman's Lake on July 19.

The school board will hold a session this week to consider the purchase of block 34 for a school site.

Rapid progress is being made on the foundation of the new hotel. It will be ready for the carpenters in a few days.

Carpenters are working on the new McCoy & Readman block. This building will be finished in about a month.

A number from town attended the picnic at Ainsworthdale on Monday. They report the affair to have been a splendid success.

Mrs. L. G. Carter left last week for Seattle, where she will visit relatives. Mr. Carter will follow on a holiday trip in a few days.

A despatcher's office is to be opened here in a short time. The G.T.P. line from Watrous to Edmonton is to be operated from this point.

J. K. Cornwall was elected to represent Peace River constituency in the Alberta House. His were the only nomination papers presented.

At a meeting of the Jewelers of town, held on Monday they decided to close their places of business every evening except Saturday at 7 o'clock.

In our account of the final baseball game on Dominion Day, we omitted the name of the efficient third sacker, W. A. Watson, from the line-up.

B. Fleming, the G.T.P. brakeman who was seriously injured a couple of weeks ago, was taken to the hospital at Saskatoon, on Tuesday, by Doctor Middlemass.

F. A. Gamble arrived this week to take over the duties of night operator at the station. He replaces J. M. Goodfellow who has been compelled to take an extended vacation on account of poor health.

Wallace Dennis, a brakeman, while working in the yard here on Wednesday, had the misfortune to have his foot crushed. He was jumping up on a coupling and slipped. He will not lose the use of his foot, although several of his toes were badly crushed. Doc. Watson is attending him.

A series of three games has been arranged between baseball teams captained by R. G. Fletcher and Roy Readman, for possession of the Wainwright Baseball Shield. The first game will be played tonight, commencing at 6.30 o'clock sharp. The other games will be played on July 14th and 18th.

J. Fraser, of the Fraser Trading Co., Edgerton, was in town Tuesday.

The Department of Interior has issued a splendid map of the Buffalo Park near here.

Dr. McQueen, dentist will make a professional visit to Chauvin on July 13, Edgerton on July 15.

Archie Watt, who has been locomotive foreman here for some time left for Edmonton Sunday, where he will assume the same position when the G. T. P. reaches that point.

The C. P. R. tracklayer crossed the G. T. P. track at Unity on Tuesday. The C. P. R. is rushing work on their line and expect to complete the gap between the end of steel and Hardisty before the fall.

C. W. Holmes, formerly editor of the Milestone, Sask., Mail, paid The Star a fraternal visit on Monday. Mr. Holmes is making a trip over the G. T. P. sizing up the different towns along the line. He left for the east on Tuesday.

W. W. Carter has secured the contract for the erection of the opera house being built by F. Smaldi. This building when completed will add greatly to the appearance of Second Avenue. The total cost will be in the neighborhood of $9,000.

The annual picnic and field day will be held at Greenshields on Monday next, July 12. The committee are providing suitable prizes for the sports and the Ladies' Aid of Knox Church will provide tea, coffee, ice cream and other refreshments.

H. W. Foster, of Winnipeg, manager of the Canada Railway News Co., spent several days in town this week looking after the interests of his company. He purchased a large number of local picture post cards from J. H. Gano, photographer, which will be sold by newsagents on the G. T. P.

The Edmonton Bulletin on June 29, published a number of cuts of delegates to the K. P. Grand Lodge at that city. Among them was one of the genial Martin Forster. The unbounded hospitality of the capital citizens evidently agreed with Martin, as he appears to be quite stout.

The officers and members of Wainwright Lodge, Knights of Pythias are giving an "At Home" to the wives and lady friends of the Knights, on Tuesday, July 13, at 8.30. A short program will be given followed by a dance. Supper will be served. This is, we understand a small informal affair, no gentlemen but members of the lodge will be present. Later on it is the intention of the lodge to give a ball, when a large invitation list will be issued.

Town of Wainwright Should Be a Winner

R. C. W. Lett, of G. T. P., Favorably Impressed With Actual Advantages of Town and District---Good Mixed Farming Country

R. C. W. Lett, travelling passenger and colonization agent of the G. T. P., spent several days in town last week on an inspection trip. Mr. Lett, who is a naturalist of note, when asked for his impression of the town and district, said:

"Wainwright should be a winner. The fact of having the greatest buffalo park in the world places the town before we may say, the entire country. People from many lands will come to see the greatest herd of buffalo on the face of the earth from your town.

A MIXED FARMING COUNTRY

"But buffalo alone will not make a city. You have enough land in your district, were it all under cultivation, to make any community wealthy. By cultivation I do not mean sowing down a few acres of wheat, but rather, real live mixed farming for which your country is so admirably adapted. I tell you the day is coming when the farmer will realize the value of mixed farming. If we want to develop our country, we must cultivate our lands. Too much land is this very day lying idle right around Wainwright.

"If it were advertised that homesteads were to be reduced to one half their size, or eighty acres, it would lead to the greatest rush Western Canada ever saw, and I venture to say more land would consequently be cultivated and the population would be materially increased.

BEAUTIFUL DISTRICT

"However, let me say that in and around your vigorous little town you have a natural beauty not often found on the prairie, and when you adopt, as I undoubtedly see the present intention is, the cement sidewalks, and prosecute all parties guilty of throwing rubbish and refuse on the streets, you may well be proud of your town.

"What a shock eye filthy streets do give a town. To the stranger it is more striking, while the native townsman becomes familiar with the conditions.

WILL BE GOOD TOWN

"Wainwright is bound to grow. She has the right people and some of the most favorable conditions to assist her. When the line is through to Edmonton, traffic, both passenger and freight, will naturally increase, to the benefit of the town. Have faith in the town. Let every man put his shoulder to the plow and help to make Wainwright a city."

Mr. Lett left for the east on Tuesday morning, after securing a number of fine views of the buffalo and the Battle River bridge.

Canada's Great Buffalo Herd at Wainwright

Second Shipment Received at Buffalo Park Direct From Montana---Made Journey in Seventy-Two Hours---Visit to the Park---History of the Pablo Herd

On Saturday last fifteen cars of buffalo arrived here from the Pablo herd in Montana and were immediately unloaded in the Buffalo Park. Howard Douglas, Commissioner of Dominion Parks, A. Ayotte, immigration agent in Montana, and H. C. McMillan, C.P.R. live stock agent, Calgary, accompanied the shipment.

The bunch consisted of one hundred and ninety head and at times what seemed almost insurmountable obstacles have been overcome in rounding up this bunch. There are still at least 150 head on the Flathead reserve, which will be shipped in September. Before these arrive, however, 75 buffalo will be sent to the Park here from the Banff herd.

The animals comprising this shipment were immediately unloaded and despite expectations did not take unkindly to the fence around the corral at the unloading place. They had been in the cars for periods varying from four to fifteen days and were consequently quite weary. The railway journey from Pablo was made in the fine time of seventy-two hours and the bison stood the journey fairly well. No time was lost in releasing the buffalo and before dark the entire tramload were quietly grazing in the park.

On Sunday, the writer, accompanied by R. C. W. Lett, travelling passenger and colonization agent of the G.T.P., and H. W. Foster, manager of the Canada Railway News Co., and C. W. Holmes, a fellow newspaperman, from Milestone, Sask., made a trip through the immense corral of 2,000 acres in the north end of the park in which these animals will be confined for the present.

Superintendent Ellis and his assistant, Louie Bioletti, gave every assistance to the party and we were enabled to see the buffalo at ease in their new home. They were scattered here and there in small herds, while an occasional one would be found enjoying a dust-bath in one of the innumerable buffalo wallows which were made by the wild herds many years ago. They seemed to take well to their new home and the majority paid scant attention to the visitors. Occasionally we ran across a small herd which viewed us with suspicion and started pawing the ground. When their tails began to raise with an ugly looking crook, we considered discretion to be the better part of valor and immediately left for other sections of the park. The 508 buffalo now in the park have an ideal home.

Following is a short history of the buffalo, several parts of which we have extracted from a recent article in the London Times.

PASSING OF THE BUFFALO

The destruction of the immense northern herd of bison, which is stated to have numbered 4,000,000 head at the beginning, has never been told with any degree of accuracy. It is certain that very few were left in the Canadian west when the Canadian Pacific Railway had been completed. The construction gangs of this road disposed of the struggles of this once mighty herd, as was the case in the building of the Union Pacific railroad in the U.S.

To this day, however, the whole of the vast west is scarred and pitted with their groove like trails and basin-like wallows, which are permanent records of the migratory marches and daily dust-baths of these heavy beasts.

OLD-TIME HUNTS

Old-time Hudson Bay factors who still survive, tell of the great hunting expeditions of the fifties and sixties, when the employees of the pioneer fur company with their creaking Red River carts took part in these hunts in order to secure the yearly supply of pemmican for their northern hunting and trading posts. At one time the prairie around the present capital of Saskatchewan was covered by piles of whitened bones, but which have nearly all been gathered up and shipped, to be used as fertilizers. "Pile of Bones" or Regina, was the head of this peculiar industry, which flourished shortly after the Riel rebellion.

THE LAST BUFFALO

The last buffalo to be killed in Western Canada met his death in 1886. He had been wounded twice during that year but escaped, to meet his fate on the range of a couple of ranchers near the south branch of the Saskatchewan, who had a herd of several hundred High land cattle, and it happened that, about the time when the sandhill crane fly south, two of the ranch men were sent out in search of them. They caught sight of the band at noon on the second day out and were amazed to see it massed together for all the world like a bunch of horses about to smudge or smoke-fire, when the flies and mosquitoes are at their worst on a still, cloudy summer evening. With much difficulty they broke up the throng, and there, where the centre of the swirling press of blood-maniacs had been, they found the torn and trampled carcase of the mighty wanderer. What an end!

For a considerable time it was believed that with the exception of the herd at Banff and the few animals on Winnipeg, the most magnificent of the North American fauna was extinct. The Banff herd had increased considerably, but it was thought that the evil of in-breeding would eventually cause the cessation of its growth.

Yet all the time there existed on the Flathead reservation in the State of Montana a herd of several hundred thoroughbred bison, the natural increase of which was being maintained year after year. It was a fortunate accident which led to the formation of this fine collection. In 1873 one of the Pend d'Oreille Indians captured four little bison calves---two bulls and two heifers---by cutting them out of a stampeded herd numbering many thousands. In accordance with a peculiar characteristic, often noticed by old plainsmen, these young creatures obediently followed the horses of the hunters who had slain or driven off their mothers. The Indians in question gave them to the Mission of St. Ignatius, where they were kept as pets and became as domesticated as ordinary cattle. When the heifers were four years old, each had a calf. From that time on they gradually increased in number, until, in 1884, there were thirteen head, and the Indian owner, finding the care of them too great a tax on his scant resources, decided to sell them.

START OF PABLO HERD

Ten head were purchased for $250 apiece by C. A. Allard and Michel Pablo, who were ranching on the reservation, and were shrewd enough to see that specimens of what was even then supposed to be practically an extinct animal would eventually become very valuable. The herd rapidly increased under their careful supervision, and in a few years it became possible to sell specimens at very high prices.

Many head were sold to private individual collectors in the United States, and it is from this source that those in the Yellowstone Park were secured.

In 1893 Messrs. Allard and Pablo bought a collection belonging to one "Buffalo" Jones, of Omaha, and in that year they had 36 thoroughbred animals in excellent condition, the nucleus of the great herd which has been bought by the Dominion Government. The hybrids or "cataloes" were never allowed to mingle with the thoroughbreds on the ranges, but were collected and kept on an island in the Flathead Lake. These hybrids are large, fine-looking animals, and it has often been suggested that they would be worth breeding for commercial purposes. But the sterility point is reached in the second generation.

GREAT INCREASE

The record of the herd of living antiques originating in the four calves captured by an Indian hunter shows what can be done by private enterprise to perpetuate an almost extinct type of animal life. In 23 years a herd of 36 increased to 30 times its original number. Some idea of the average rate of increase may be deduced from the observed fact that half the cows give birth to calves every year, while twin calves are not uncommon, inasmuch as in a party of 100 head corralled one autumn, there were two cows having two calves at foot. The percentage of loss among the calves is slightly lower than is the case with ordinary range cattle. As a rule the bison calf is a very hardy creature. There are instances of the Pablo-Allard calves finding their feet in less than a minute after birth and showing fight within half-an-hour.

NEW CANADIAN HERD

In 1906 Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, obtained for the Dominion Government an option on the 600 unsold head belonging to Messrs. Pablo and Allard, and eventually they were all bought for $200,000. Today five or six times as much could be realized by selling the herd piecemeal to American private collectors and the Governments of Western States which are now lamenting a lost opportunity. But Canada has no intention whatever of selling a single head.

The round-up of the first shipment lasted two months, and was successfully carried out by 75 cowboys, horsemen picked for their ability from every part of the great Montana ranges, who were paid at the rate of $5 a day. For some weeks the round-up was a failure; only three times in more than a month did daily drives did the cowboys succeed in getting a few head into the rail-side corrals. The bison, finding themselves being driven from their familiar pasturage, and not knowing that the fate of the Saskatchewan Valley is better than that of the Montana ridges, would charge the encircling line of horsemen with the wildest fury and break and scatter it to the four winds. Eventually, in order to save time and horse-flesh, Mr. Pablo---himself a cowboy famous throughout the West---decided that it was necessary to build a bison-proof fence, 26 miles in length, from the pastures to the corrals, so as to cut off retreat in one direction. Down this fence, in spite of their many successful efforts to break away, the bison were gradually driven into the corrals and, not without much difficulty, loaded aboard the enclosed cattle-trucks of the Northern Pacific freight train at the little station of Ravalli. The long railway journey of 1,200 miles over five railway systems to Lamont in Alberta was accomplished with a loss of less than one per cent.

The herd wintered fairly well and were the ones received here on June 13 and which were turned loose in the park on that day.

BUFFALO PARK

The park, which has an area of 160 square miles and contains many clean-bottomed lakes, endless chains of hay-sloughs and sheltered river valleys, has been securely enclosed with a high fence of wire and tamarac posts. A number of deer were enclosed in the building of the fence, so that the bison will have companions in their spacious reservation. In twenty years there should be 10,000 head at Wainwright.

The artificial revival of this magnificent animal is an object-lesson to those who deplore the threatened extinction of the most imposing of the South African fauna. Game preservation laws will generally enable the smaller animals to survive, even if they have the ill-fortune to wear the furs coveted by the ladies. The return of the beaver to many of its deserted haunts in both Eastern and Western Canada is a case in point. Ten years ago the living symbol of Canadian enterprise and industry seemed in danger of extinction. Now it is once more busy building the water-breaks which help to store up the rainfall of the country instead of allowing it to be dissipated in disastrous floods. But, if the heavy beasts which can be eaten by the most shameless of the carnivora---man, to wit---are to be preserved, something more is needed than the translation of the sportsman's First Commandment---"Thou shalt not kill needlessly"---into laws and by-laws.

Proceedings at Council Meetings

Borrowed $800 to Pay Purchase Price on Lots for the Town Hall---Scavenger and His Duties---After Tagless Dogs

The village council held a meeting in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer on Friday last. Chairman Dawson and Councillors Small and Richardson were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The account of F. Lurh for files, etc., which was referred back to him at the last meeting was presented and ordered paid.

H. C. King received permission to erect tie-pos in front of his store.

As it was necessary to raise sufficient funds to pay for the lots recently purchased by the council as a site for the town hall, it was decided to raise the necessary funds at the Merchants Bank, and Cours. Dawson and Small moved that the sum of $800 be raised for this purpose. This loan is only for a short term as the taxes will be coming in directly and also the money from the sale of debentures.

Chairman Dawson was instructed to engage J. N. Mitchell for one day to collect dog taxes still due, and notify owners that if these are not paid forthwith, the animals would be destroyed.

It was reported that the village scavenger has not been fulfilling his duties and Coun. Richardson was told to interview him and "ask the reason why." The council decided to withhold portion of salary due until the work has been satisfactorily performed.

There was no further business transacted at this session and the meeting adjourned.

Another meeting was held in the schoolhouse on Saturday.

Members all present. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

Scavenger was interviewed in reference to his work and after complaint by him that ratepayers were not providing proper receptacles for slops, etc., the Secretary was instructed to see that they should be provided in all cases.

The Secretary reported in connection with the option from Geo. H. Stoddart on lot 40, block 8, that the paper title was still in Geo. Richardson, he not having transferred to Mr. Stoddart and that it would save the council costs to take the transfer direct from Mr. Richardson. Moved by Dawson-Small—That this be done and cheque be given for $568.39 being amount of purchase price less $81.61 the balance owing to the G. T. P. townsite and Development Co., Limited. It was also decided to allow Mr. Richardson to have the use of that portion on which his house is situated for one year or until one month's notice of removal be given.—Carried.

Council then adjourned.

MONTHLY STATEMENT

How the Finances of the Village Stood on June 30

Following is the financial statement of the treasurer of the village for the month ending June 30, 1909:

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand June 1..	$ 19.00
Dog taxes	1.00
Poll taxes	94.00
Scavenging accounts	8.50
Total	$122.50

EXPENDITURES

Books and stationery	$ 10.05
Scavenger, part salary,	30.00
Work on streets	8.00
Stamps	10.73
Total	$ 58.78

BALANCE SHEET

Balance forward	$ 19.00
Receipts for June	103.50
Total expenditure	$ 58.78
Cash on hand	40.85
Bal. in bank (less the outstanding cheques)	22.87
Total	$122.50 $122.50

The Woman's Auxiliary of the St. Thomas' Church of England, wish to thank all who so kindly assisted them with their booth on Dominion Day, and the public for their liberal patronage.

Local real estate dealers report several sales the past week.

Quite a number of tourists have been in town lately attracted by the buffalo.

Rev. Thomas W. Bateman made a trip through a large portion of the Wainwright district this week.

Building operations continue brisk and if the present rate of increase is maintained, Wainwright will be a big town before fall.

Ed. Ellis, superintendent of the Buffalo Park, is advertising for tenders for cutting and stacking 800 tons of hay for the feeding of the buffalo next winter.

Miss Robinson of Gilt Edge, who was nursing B. Fleming, the brakeman who met with the accident a couple of weeks ago, has returned to her home again.

The village council inspected the gravel pit on the Reid farm near the wye last week. Test pits will be sunk shortly and if the pit turns out well, it is doubtful if anything but granolithic sidewalks will be built.

Crops continue to make fine progress. The weather conditions have been ideal. Warm days and nights with sufficient rainfall to keep the ground moist have prevailed and the grain never looked better at this season of the year.

Court of Revision on Assessment Roll

Council Disposes of Appeals and Makes Changes in Roll---Majority of Kicks from Non-Resident Property Holders

The Council met as a court of revision on the assessment roll of the village in the schoolhouse on Friday morning last.

There were a number of appeals against the assessment, and in the majority of cases the council made substantial reductions. A large number of changes were made in the roll, owing to the property assessed having changed hands since the roll was made up.

The assessor is to be congratulated on the general satisfaction of the ratepayers with the valuation he placed on all their property. It is a very difficult matter to make the first assessment in a town and when it is considered that the majority of complaints came from non-resident property holders it shows that he has fulfilled his duties in a conscientious manner.

After sitting for a short time on Friday, the court adjourned until Saturday, when all the appeals were disposed of.

The total reduction will be in the neighborhood of $15,000 which leaves the total assessment at over $400,000.

The heavy rainfall yesterday morning will help the crops.

The medals ordered for the baseball tournament July 1st, have arrived.

Mrs. M. L. Foster won the prize for selling the most badges for the Dominion Day sports.

The tennis players are fixing up the second court. The tournament postponed from Dominion Day will be played off shortly.

Four carloads of Massey-Harris binders and rakes were received by the local agents, Musson & Ross, this week for distribution throughout the district.

Leonard Bulstrode was drowned while bathing at Toronto.

The G.T.P. opened a station at Meighen, west of here on Monday. An operator has been placed in charge.

Alex. Hardy, real estate broker, Quebec, arrived in the town on Monday night. Mr. Hardy is making a trip over the Grand Trunk Pacific. He is delighted with the town and the future prospects. Mr. Hardy is one of the best known men in eastern Canada, having been general passenger agent of the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway for many years, resigning last year to go into the real estate business.

The Gramophone

Is the greatest among talking machines

We are agents for both Victor and Berliner. Come in and hear them.

In Sporting Goods

We have a good range and the prices are right.

The Wainwright Pharmacy

E. C. Logan, Manager

Pioneer Meat Market

Noted for its No. 1 quality and moderate Prices on all lines of

FRESH AND CURED MEATS
SAUSAGE, LARD, TALLOW, ETC.

We pay the highest market prices for Cattle, Hogs and Hides at the

Pioneer Meat Market

MOTT BROS. Proprietors

3rd Avenue. Wainwright

FARMERS

We are agents for the celebrated International Harvester Co. McCormick & Deering Machinery.

Harpell and Pawling

Office and Warehouse Opposite Livery Barns Wainwright

Wainwright Flour and Feed Company

Wholesale and Retail Flour and Feed

AGENTS FOR LAKE OF THE WOODS MILLING CO.

AGENTS FOR OGILVIE MILLING COMPANY

FULL LINE OF BREAKFAST FOODS

Chopping Mill on premises

P. Dewar Manager

MEAT MARKET

GO TO THE WAINWRIGHT MEAT MARKET FOR FRESH AND CURED MEATS, FISH, FOWL AND LARD.

BREAD, ETC

FINE STOCK OF FRESH BREAD, BUNS, CAKES, AND CONFECTIONERY ALWAYS AT YOUR SERVICE. 14 BREAD TICKETS FOR $1.

SMITH & DINGMAN

WAINWRIGHT

Across the West on G. T. P.

Wonders to be Seen on New Railway From Winnipeg to Near Edmonton—Finishing Prairie Gap—Vast New Region Developing Rapidly With Transportation

Special Correspondence to Winnipeg Free Press

To build a transcontinental railway demands the expenditure of millions of money, the employment of tens of thousands of men and an organization as complete as that required for the moving of an army in time of war. This was the case with the Grand Trunk Pacific and has resulted in the practical completion of the prairie section of the road from Winnipeg to Edmonton, there being but a few more miles of track to be laid. This is by far the most important section of the line from coast to coast as it is open for settlement and agricultural pursuits over the entire distance. The grading work on the prairie was done by various contractors, but after the grade was completed all subsequent work was done by the company. The result is that when the line is opened it will be a remarkable piece of of work in point of excellence, and will stepfully equipped into the very front rank of the big transportation systems of the world. It has been a record-breaking work and will be another great factor in building up the future Canada.

SEEN BY PRESS MEN.

As the entire prairie division of the new road will shortly be opened up for passenger traffic the company entertained a party of Winnipeg newspaper men in an inspection trip over the line last week. The party was in charge of W. C. C. Meham, superintendent in charge of construction under H. H. Brewer, general superintendent. A special train was provided for a part of the distance and the work, equipment, country and treatment of employees were taken into careful consideration. On the westbound trip the party went direct to Wainwright, 666 miles from Winnipeg, and from there went to the front—the firing line—where the steel is being laid towards Edmonton with less than forty miles to go. Until Wainwright had been reached everything was in accord with an up-to-date railway in operation. West of that point everything was changed. The peace of the prairie was disturbed by the roaring of steam shovels, the puff and noise of many ballast trains and the steady toot, toot of the tracklaying machine. The great civilizer of the world, the railway, is marching forward at a wonderful rate. Another section of the "Great Lone Land" is conquered and fertile land in acres without number is brought in reach of the landless man the world over.

MARVELLOUS ACCOMPLISHMENT.

To the lay mind the work done by the contractors and company in the time they have been engaged is little short of marvellous. By July 7 Winnipeg will be connected with Edmonton by a railway 794 miles in length, or considerably shorter than any existing line.

It has also easier grades and has few curves, these being easy. All these combined will give to Canada's national highway advantages which will count in every turn of traffic. Nothing that nature has made has been allowed to obstruct the work. Heavy hills have been cut through like soap, and the deep hollows have been filled with earth. The valleys have been filled with trestles or with steel work, it sometimes being necessary to have these bridges a mile in length. The cost has been high, but it will be found warranted when the expense of freight handling is reckoned.

A trip over the new road under such circumstances was replete with incident and interest during the entire distance. History was in the making, and much history had long ago been made in the same country. Through the stirring scenes of the Riel rebellion cuts the railway, and several old forts of the Hudson's Bay Company are brought from loneliness to civilization by the G. T. P. There are Indian reserves not far from the line, where the redmen are learning how to survive in the struggle.

SETTLERS RUSHING IN.

The country through which the railway passes was all new when the location was made, and there were few or no settlers in the region. Even in the brief space since there has been an inrush of settler who are making the rich soil bring forth the golden wheat as is the case further south. Townships have fairly sprung up and the prairie in many sections is dotted with houses and shacks of the homesteader. There are scores of new towns on the line, ranging in population from 50 to 1,000 souls, and forging ahead every day at an inconceivable rate.

LAYING THE STEEL.

It was an inspiring sight to witness the most modern methods of railway construction as the track is being rushed westward. On the big tracklaying machine was a gang of 150 men, which gang was doubled at the end of last week. On the day the party visited the spot four miles of track were put down by the single gang, but that was a record day. It is the plan to have nearly five miles per day laid with a double gang at the work. The machinery used is of the very latest type, without which no such speed could be made. As the rails and ties are dumped into place by machinery they are harnessed, partly bolted, and the pioneer goes ahead. Behind follows a big gang of spikers, and the steel is straightened and spiked into place, making it perfectly safe for the passage of trains, but not smooth enough for regular traffic where any special speed would be required. The work of ballasting is a big contract that falls to another gang, or rather a dozen or more gangs of men. At Kinsella (mileage 698) a pit of splendid ballast, and apparently inexhaustible, has been found. Here a big steam shovel loaded 187 Hart convertible cars in one day, which was a record. These cars hold 30 yards each. The old flat cars held but 10 yards each. Another steam shovel has been put into the same pit, and there will be an average of 250 cars of ballast per day put out onto the line until it is completed to Edmonton. The first layer of ballast will probably be into Edmonton not more than two weeks behind the steel. This ballast is all going to the front. There is other work being done along the line and steam shovels are working at Butze (mileage 620), Yonkers (mileage 611), Biggar (mile 527) and also in the Minota district (mileage 178).

The immense number of men required for construction work can be realized when it is considered that 300 men are laying the track, 500 men following and lifting the track and surfacing it with ballast while another 200 men make up the ballast pit crew and the train crews to supply the ballast. There are 22 train crews on the track laying work. The work of these men will soon be completed on the prairie section and as soon as Edmonton is reached they will continue their way to the west towards the Pembina river where the grade is already completed and awaiting the steel to complete it for traffic.

One of the features of the G. T. P. prairie section which strikes even a casual traveller

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W. B. Crawford

Real Estate and Business Broker
Main Street, Wainwright

$350 will buy nice 3-room house on 50 ft. lot, 5th ave. $50 cash and $50 month. $200 will buy 2-room shack on fine 50 ft. lot, 5th ave, easy terms. $225 will buy fine lot near Main street, shack on it, rented for $7 month. If looking for investments that will make you from 20 per cent. up, call at once. Wainwright lots will never be lower. If interested in McLeod River (Chamberlain) first divisional point west of Edmonton, see me.

The Palace Billiard Hall

Four of the best billiard and pool tables in town.

Good stock of cigarettes, tobaccos and cigars.

Come in and hear the music.

Good barber shop in connection.

Carl S. Williams
Proprietors

Shoemaking and Repairing Shop

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Rubber Heels.

All kinds of Repair Work. 25 years' experience.

CHAS. HEELIN

Opposite Livery Barns.

The Wainwright Hotel

Wainwright

M. L. Forster, Proprietor

THE DEATH OF A DOLLAR BILL.

A merchant from ——— about five months ago,
Went out one day to spend some of his hard-earned "dough,"
"And in a merry jest" and just to show his printing skill,
He printed his initials on a brand new dollar bill.
He spent that dollar that same day down at the village store,
He thought twas gone forever then, and he'd see it no more.
But long before that month rolled by one day he went to fill
A neighbor's order, and received that same one dollar bill.
Had he been wise that dollar might be in this town to-day.
But just about one week ago he sent it far away.
The people who received it then I know have got it still.
For twas to a mail order house he sent his dollar bill.
No more will that marked dollar come into the merchant's hands,
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H. S. CUMMER, Editor.

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1909

COMMENT

Sunny Alberta.

The citizens will have cause for rejoicing when the G. T. P. reaches Edmonton and we have better communication with the west.

The farmers have been favored with ideal growing weather this year and this district will have a bumper crop.

The decision of the Council to build nothing but granolithic sidewalks is commendable and will prove to be the most economical in the end. There is a good gravel pit near the wye on the farm of J. Reid.

The most noticeable feature about the celebration here on Dominion Day, was the total absence of any drunkenness. There was not an intoxicated man on the grounds or in town that day.

The dinner given by the British government to the members of the press conference seems to have been a very impressive function. The indirect influence of the gathering of newspaper men seems likely to be very great, especially because it will lead the people of the United Kingdom to think more about the British dominions beyond the seas.—Victoria Colonist.

There are a million people, and a hundred thousand more, on the Canadian prairie. And every millionaire knows the second million comes much easier than the first. We are making good progress in the older provinces, but we must expect to see the centre of political power move westward. The West will give us not only increase in numbers, but new elements of national character, new points of view, new social problems, and new solutions.—Toronto Star.

Col. Denison has been warning England that unless the Dominion gets a preference in the British markets the Empire cannot hold together. Col. Denison has been delegated to express nobody's views but his own. When he declares that Canadian attachment maintained towards Britain was just for what there was in it he may be declaring the foundation of his own loyalty but he is belieing the character of his countrymen.—Bulletin.

We have heard considerable discussion the past week on Trustee Pawling's suggestion that the school be placed on Block 54 just east of Main St. on Nineth Avenue. The school board at present owns ten lots near the church, but the general opinion seems to be that these will not allow sufficient play grounds. While we consider a new school absolutely necessary, we do not favor placing a school on the site at present held by the board for that one reason. There is nothing more necessary in connection with a school than the provision of ample play grounds. Trustee Pawling's suggestion deserves attention. Although this site is a considerable distance from the heart of the town, we have been informed that it is impossible to secure a block closer in without paying the second price on lots which have been sold by the townsite company. The board will no doubt submit this important matter to ratepayers shortly.

The Knocker,

Walt Mason—I live to run my chickens upon my neighbor's lawn; I live to raise the dickens from sunset until dawn; to spend my time in whining, and grunting and repining, and when the sun is shining, to swear the sunlight's gone. I live to loaf and languish while others strive and toil, to kick up lots of anguish, and trouble and turmoil; I live to find and handle all sorts of grief and scandal; folks say I'm a vandal, and should be boiled in oil. I live to scoff at virtue, I live to make a fad, of all the things that hurt you, and put you to the bad: I live to prove the thesis to pack around a hammer, and knock on everything; to make my tongue a saber, and slash at useful labor; to criticize my neighbor—and thus I have my fling.

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DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY.

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WAINWRIGHT.

Wainwright has a population of about 800 people, which has been increased during the railway construction to nearly 1,000. One of the assets of the town is the pioneer inhabitant who can produce documentary evidence to prove the truth of his assertions regarding the advent of the railway and other matters, which characteristic often proves embarrassing to the nabobs from Winnipeg. Wainwright is in the centre of a rolling country and this will be a fine farming section when it is well settled. Just a mile west of the town is the big park set aside by the Dominion government to protect the large buffalo herd secured in Montana. The buffalo can be seen from the train. They have a pasture 18 miles square and are reported to be doing well in captivity.

West of Wainwright there are no elevators and as the steel has just reach this section building is not yet advanced as further east. Battle river is crossed nine miles from town where the steel bridge is 2,770 feet long and the trestle work for the deep cut even longer, making the entire bridge more than a mile in length. The town of Irma (mileage 684) has 75 people and west of there at Meighen (mileage 722) there is a good town of 300 people. Bruce and Holden (mileage 732) are at the end of the steel and each has a population of about 75. One of the surprises is Tofield where there is a good town many miles ahead of the railway. There are now about 300 people in the settlement and a good town is assured. This as far west as the party had a opporuinty to see the country, but it will be open in a few days.

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